

Dear Elected officials,

I am writing to ask you to **OPPOSE HB6816**; "AN ACT CONCERNING MICROSTAMPING-ENABLED PISTOLS, RAISING THE AGE TO PURCHASE AMMUNITION AND RESTRICTING THE SALE AND POSSESSION OF BODY ARMOR."

As a law abiding citizen, I understand your "feel good" intentions with this bill, but I completely disagree that tracking/tracing and/or micro stamping firearms and ammunition would make any difference whatsoever in decreasing violence with firearms. Passing this bill would constitute an infringement of privacy and freedom against innocent, law-abiding citizens. I believe that the government does NOT have the right to track or trace a person's legally owned belongings, where they go, or what they do. The world is a dangerous place and invading the personal privacy of an innocent citizen is NOT the answer to preventing crime.

I strongly oppose increasing the age to purchase ammunition. As adults, 18 year-old citizens have the right of self-defense (and hunting) as much as any other law-abiding adult. This includes the right to purchase ammunition for other lawful purposes, such as the shooting sports. An 18 year-old adult may join the military, drive tanks, and fire cannons, rifles, and pistols.

I am also opposed to additional restrictions against the purchasing of body armor. Again, I understand the intent of the bill; you are trying to make it difficult for criminals to protect themselves during the committing of crimes. But you are also restricting GOOD citizens when you make it MORE difficult to obtain safety equipment such as body armor and ballistic helmets. Body armor and ballistic helmets are safety equipment. If I want to wear body armor wherever and whenever I go, I should be able to do so. If I wanted to purchase body armor or ballistic panels for my children's backpacks, I must be able to do so, and NOT be restricted from buying online from any and all of the best/trusted brands and companies. There should be NO age restrictions, and I should NOT be required to buy body armor in person.

Thank you, and please **OPPOSE HB6816**.